approval of the project by the Board of Directors, non-adherence of proper method for appointment of the contractor and the Architect and special favour shown to the Contractor in sanctioning the mobilisation fund.

(b) The work was awarded to the Contractor with the approval of the then Managing Director and to the Architect with the approval of the Chairman. A separate Bank account was opened with the approval of the Board of Directors for facilitating various payments relating to the project.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As already informed in reply to Unstarred Question No. 855 on 31st July, 1987, action has already been taken in the matter.

Action taken against the officials of NCCF

2204. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 820 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st July, 1987 and state:

(a) what were the recommendations of the CBI report against the charged officer and whether he had disclosed to the NCCF about pending of a CBI case against him while joining NCCF and whether he was qualified to remain in the services of the NCCF on the basis of the CBI's findings;

(b) what were the considerations whereby the charged officer was subsequently exonerated by two Directors against the adverse findings by the Managing Director for importing inferior dry fruits;

(c) what were the reasons for entrusting to the charged officer the sensitive work relating to imports/exports in the NCCF (in view of earlier adverse CBI findings); and

(d) what are the particulars of the charged officer and which are the cases relating to import/export which have been referred to the CBI by Government recently;

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The CBI Report, on the export of bycycles by DSIDC to Iran, recommended departmental action for major panelty against the involved officer. The concerned officer joined the NCCF in 1976, while the CBI investigation commenced in 1979. Therefore there was no question of his disclosing the pendency of this case against him while joining the NCCF.

(b) The Committee of Directors expressed the opinion that no charge against the officer could be proved.

(c) NCCF has informed that the concerned officer was handling the import and export in the NCCF before the CBI Report was made available to it. In any case his services were terminated by the NCCF in February, 1985.

(d) Certain cases of import and export namely import of dry dates, import of chick-peas, import of lentils and export of wheat products and rice-bran have been referred to the CBI for investigation.

Telecast of Reliance World Cricket Cup Matches and T.V. Serial Ramayana

2205. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of expenditure incurred by the Doordarshan specially for purchasing equipment for telecasting the Reliance World Cricket Cup matches;

(b) what is the total amount incurred by Doordarshan in telecast-

ing all matches of Reliance Cup Tournament;

(c) what is the total amount earned by Doordarshan through advertisements during these matches;

(d) what is the total amount of expenditure incurred by Doordarshan for one episode of Ramayana during the period of telecasting of Reliance World Cup Cricket Tournament; and

(e) what is the total amount of revenue earned through advertisement during this period by telecasting of each episode of Ramayana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Doordarshan did not procure any equipment exclusively for the Reliance Cup coverage. Instead, the equipment procured by Doordarshan for normal use of various Kendras was utilized.

(b) The event having concluded only very recently, it has not been possible so far to calculate the expenditure incurred on its telecast.

(c) Doordarshan earned a gross revenue of approx. Rs. 5.79 crores from sponsorships and advertisements booked for telecast during Reliance Cup coverages.

(d) 'Ramayana' is being produced by a private producer and Doordarshan have not incurred any expenditure on its production.

(e) The average gross revenue from advertisements telecast before each episode approximates Rs. 26.5 lakhs which includes an amount of Rs. 1.15 lakhs received as sponsorship fee.

Winding up of SDFC

2206. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware that with the winding up of the Shipping Development Fund Committee (SDFC), the financing of deep sea fishing projects has run into practical difficulties;

(b) what are the difficulties and problems that have been brought to the notice of Government; and

(c) what concrete steps have been taken or are being proposed to be taken to overcome these difficulties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRCULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Problems and difficulties as brought to the notice of Government mainly relate to (i) timely release of stage payments for the construction of fishing vessels in ongoing committed cases of erstwhile SDFC, and (ii) the debt equity ratio required to be maintained by the company in respect of fresh proposals of financing by the Shipping Credit & Investment Company of India Limited (SCICI) out of its own resources.

(c) As regards (i) above the difficulties have already been sorted out and the arrangement is working satisfactorily.

As regards (ii) above, the matter has been discussed with the concerned Departments/Agencies. SCICI give loan after due appraisal of the projects with reference to the size, nature and the financial and managerial capabilities of the companies.

Payment of O.T.A. to C.P.W.D. Staff

2207. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various complaints have been received by him/his Ministry/C.P.W.D. authorities concerned from a number of Muster Roll Workers regarding non-payment of overtime allowance to